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FW: This is what we need

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From: jegalvin [mailto:jegalvin@comcast.net] **Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2013 10:12 PM

To: Lyman Howard

Subject: Re: This is what we need

Lyman,

I expected your email. Your message is consistent with past policies.

Your email permits me the opportunity to nail down an issue.

Question: Have you discussed my and other submission with Chris Mefford yet? is Chris Mefford telling you that feasibility studies of the kind I proposed are inappropriate, unnecessary, ill advised? Have you discussed the issue raised by Alden Lynn. The Sammamish Town Center is not competitive.

I am very aware of other citizens having direct communications with consultants. I am very aware of very biased selection of people to participate on committees. I am also very aware of how consultants have given the city what it wants when the consultants know what the city wants is pretty much useless.

The materials sent to Chris Mefford were sent to you first. I contrasted what was done for the Community Aquatic Center and what has not been done for the town center. How can one explain how quality, professional performance in the Community Aquatic Center project and a lack of it in the town center. In one year, the Aquatic Center has done more than six to ten years in the town center.

I've raised the issue about pro-forma analysis many times in the past and staff ignore it. Let me put it in simple terms, I believe but hope to be proven wrong that you are reluctant and even unwilling to see feasibility studies done. These studies will demonstrate clearly how the town center plan and regulations ignore basic market realities. These studies will show what needs to be changed and where city input is needed.

In the past two weeks I have produced quite a bit of material relevant to the task at hand. Nothing has come out of staff or the committee. The next meeting time has not been posted. Time goes by quickly. I asked that the issue about pro forma analysis be put on the agenda for the next EDC meeting so that a decision can be made about including feasibility analysis in Task 2 scope of work. Will this issue be on the agenda?

I do not expect you to do your best because i don't understand what that means. The true meaning might be an indirect way of saying "blow it out your ear. Don't expect anything." I do expect to hear whether the issue of feasibility studies is to be put on the agenda at the next meeting. If it is not going to be on the agenda. Please, let me know.

The three City Council members are unlikely to propose concrete suggestions about what needs to be done.

The following is from one of the articles I shared with you: **Rethinking Community Economic Development Ron Shaffer Steve Deller Dave Marcouiller** University of Wisconsin–Madison/Extension

Contemporary Definition of economic development

We maintain that community economic development occurs when people in a community ana-lyze the economic conditions of that community, determine its economic needs and unfulfilled opportunities, decide what can and should be done to improve the economic conditions in that community, and then move to achieve agreed-upon economic goals and objectives. Community economic development is not a rationale for maintaining the status quo but is a comprehensive concept for changing the economic situation within the community. (emphasis mine)

JG

On Mar 25, 2013, at 3:19 PM, Lyman Howard wrote:

Hello John,

Thank you for your interest in having direct involvement in assisting the city and its consultant in our Economic Development Strategic Plan.

I would ask that you direct comments and input through either Kamuron or me rather than to our consultant directly. You may be contacted by Chris Mefford directly as he has questions or requires input. We are keeping track of contacts and input submitted and going outside that process is problematic.

We will do our best to channel your input through to Chris and his team.

Thanks for your assistance.

-Lyman

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To: Chris Mefford

Subject: This is what we need

Chris,

This is the type of financial analysis we need.

Here are two documents. One is a summary of people who have contacted the Director of Community Develoment. The document

Town Center Developer Data Base. I reviewed the list and identified who was who. That info is included in this attachment. The city has done nothing to promote the town center. What is there to promote?

Hope you had a nice weekend. Weather was not bad.

J. Galvin

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